

February 18, 2026, Minutes

Meeting: Illinois Nursing Workforce Center
Meeting Date: February 18, 2026
Meeting convened: 11: 08 am
Meeting Adjourned: 12: 30 pm
Meeting Locations: Video Conference: Chicago #5C5, Springfield#258
Guests: remote

Board Members Present: Krista L. Jones, Chairperson
Elaine Hardy, Member
Gina Canny, Member
Heather Escobar, Member
Daisy Sherry, Member
Diane Smith, Member
Lynda M. Bartlett, Member

Board Members Virtual: Blanca Miller, Member
Karen Richey, Member

Board Members Absent: Theresa E. Towle, Vice-chairperson
Glenda Morris Burnett, Member

Staff Present: Michele Bromberg, Nursing Coordinator
Reid Paxson, Administrative Assistant

Guests: Remote: None

Topic	Action
I. Call to Order, Roll call.	K. Jones declares quorum 11:08 a.m.
II. Announcements, Correspondence 1. Welcome to Illinois Nursing Workforce Center Advisory Board meeting. All board members, guests and staff self-Introduce. 2. Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) a. FY26 Nurse Educator Fellowship program: IBHE plans second round of applications March 2026. Recognition ceremony to be in June split between 2 days. 3. CORE "Comprehensive Online Regulatory Environment", new examination application process for Nurses (RN/LPN). 4. Student Nurse Political Action Day, Tuesday, March 24, 2026, Springfield, Illinois 5. Stateline Nurses Network Annual Expo 4/24/26 Rockford, Illinois. 6. APRN Compact discussed: a. NCSBN Board of Director's change. Maintain all uniform licensure requirements but remove 2,080-hour provision that has been a barrier to adaptation.	

III. Review and Approval of Open Minutes (Action) Approval of December 04, 2025, INWC Advisory Board meeting minutes. Motion to approve December 04, 2025, meeting minutes made by Krista L. Jones / moved by Gina Canny / seconded by Daisy Sherry. Abstain: Elaine Hardy, Blanca Miller and Karen Richey.	12/04/25 minutes approved by individual board members.
IV. Chairman Time	
V. Board Liaison Time 1. Board Liaison position remains open. 2. M. Bromberg, Nursing Coordinator a. Meeting dates: June 10, 2026 meeting moved to June 17, 2026. b. School pass rates posted.	
VI. Old Business – PowerPoint of INWC online resources	
VII. New Business 1. ICNO outreach 2. ISBE outreach: Contact ISBE school nurses to attend a meeting.	
VIII. Public Comment	None
IX. Adjournment Motion to adjourn meeting made by Krista L. Jones / moved by Gina Canny / seconded by Elaine Hardy. Abstain: Blanca Miller and Karen Richey.	There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm
The next INWC BOD meeting will be Wednesday, April 15, 2026, 11am. Springfield: room 258, Chicago: room 5C5	

Members of the Illinois Nursing Workforce Center (INWC) Advisory Board of Directors: Lynda Bartlett, Chicago, IL; Gina Canny, Springfield, IL; Heather Escobar, Norridge, IL; Elaine Hardy, Bloomington, IL; Krista Jones, Broadlands, IL; Blanca Miller, Dunlap, IL; Glenda Morris-Burnett, Chicago, IL; Karen Richey, IN; Daisy Sherry, Darien, IL; Diane Smith, Richton Park, IL; Theresa Towle, Tinley Park, IL.

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